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Lacey Township Woman Sentenced to 27Months in Prison for Manufacturing Methamphetamine

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TRENTON – A Lacey Township woman was sentenced to 27 months in federal prison today for manufacturing methamphetamine, Acting U.S. Attorney Ralph J. Marra, Jr. announced.

U.S. District Judge Mary L. Cooper, also ordered Nesha Sultz, 41, to serve two years of supervised release upon the completion of her prison term.

Sultz pleaded guilty before Judge Cooper on Sept. 17, 2008, to a one-count Information charging her with manufacturing a mixture or substance containing methamphetamine.

At her plea hearing, Sultz admitted that from December 2007 through February 2008 she made at least 20 purchases of pseudoephedrine from various drug stores in or near Lacey Township. Sultz also admitted that she had Mary Yurgel, 37, also of Lacey Township, purchase pseudoephedrine for her on at least 18 occasions during that same time period. Sultz admitted that she manufactured methamphetamine with the pseudoephedrine that she and Yurgel purchased.

On Aug. 1, 2008, Yurgel pleaded guilty before Judge Cooper to a one-count Information that charged her with manufacturing methamphetamine. On Dec. 30, 2008, Judge Cooper sentenced Yurgel to 15 months in federal prison and ordered her to serve three years of supervised release.

In determining the actual sentences, Judge Cooper consulted the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, was not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Marra credited Special Agents with the DEA, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Gerard P. McAleer in Newark; U.S. Postal Inspectors, under the direction of Inspector in Charge Teresa L. Thome in Philadelphia; Investigators with the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office, under the direction of Prosecutor Marlene Lynch Ford; and Police Officers with the Lacey Township Police Department, under the direction of Chief William A. Nally, with the investigation.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter N. Katz of the U.S. Attorney's Criminal Division in Trenton

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